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ON THE STAGE.

James to Appear Behind Spotlights at Last.

APPEARANCE TO BE IN OHIO.

Coming With Friends in the Indian Territory.

James, the noted ex-bandit, O'Neill, of Monett, Mo., at editor of the old St. Louis Post-Dispatch, left the early part of this week for the Indian Territory to the departure of the Quantrell for the east.

James is to go on the stage next appearance will be made in Ohio, Monday, November 19, in a melodrama entitled, "The Desert," and the season will last several weeks. The company will include Ohio and other states east and a part of Canada.

Billboards and the theater will be the scene of Frank James' appearance.

James will appear in a play which will portray the character of a westerner and will be seen in an Albert coat, creased and a fedora hat. He will appear in the fourth act and the curtain will fall with Frank James in the role of the stage.

Mr. James was called upon by the representative of the state to a representative of the state.

report is true. I have come to appear for a brief, and I have been conspicuous part in a play which has already made a good money. I have said nothing here—not because I am blind to the advantages of advertising, but because the troupe does not come this way and because advertising would be without benefit, while it would provoke much inquiry and

more mark's radical change on my part, but the development of conditions has been such as to make my course a rational one.

do now, without offense to sentiment, what I could not do years ago before I had the irrefutable proof by my conduct that the apprehensions of those who had faith in me were ground-

not expect to become an actor in the true sense of the word. I do not delude myself with the idea that I have any talent in that line. I do not think that any man who has offered me the opportunity to go on the stage did so because they thought I had the talent.

ever value I may possess as a dramatic attraction comes from the facts and the liberal fiction into the published stories of Quantrell's men and the James' appearance on the stage, and will be more of a personal matter than a dramatic performance.

drama is not made up of "thunder." I will not have to do with a performance which idealizes law breaking and glorifies the law breaker. It is no phenomenal ability to revise a play so as to serve the purpose of bringing me before the public and gratifying my curiosity in teaching an immoral lesson and giving applause for violence.

or I appear in will be clean and honest, and my part will be a

had many good offers to go on stage, but have declined them to the present.

you doubtless know, when I set up to the authorities of the state nineteen years ago, it was for me to find employment and yield a livelihood and at the same time allow me to enjoy the

and retirement I desired. My experience from boyhood had shown that there were few things that could earn a salary. I did not

could and by close economy

lived within a very small income.

"Offers of all the way from \$300 to \$1,000 a week came to me—some of them from thoroughly responsible people—but all of them were based on my public appearance under conditions which I regarded as out of keeping with the record of citizenship I desired to make.

"My thorough knowledge of horses fitted me for an honorable place in connection with race meetings and that enabled me piece out my income so that I was able to live comfortably and provide a modest education for my boy.

"In the past three years, when I officiated at races in the smaller cities of Ohio and Kentucky, it was plain that a large number of those who attended came for the especial purpose of seeing me. It finally dawned upon me that, as much as I disliked the idea of appearing on exhibition, I was really doing it in every case where I appeared as a race starter; and I was doing it, too, without any financial benefit to myself.

"I reasoned this way: 'I am getting old; unless I build up a small surplus within the next few years I must find my way to the Confederate home. I convinced myself that my future appearance in public ought to bring me a profit. When a favorable offer came to me a few weeks ago, involving my appearance in one act of a clean play that was already earning good money, I was in a frame of mind to consider it favorably, and I finally accepted.

"I am satisfied that my course will not be criticised by any real friend or by anybody else, except the limited class whose ill will has outlived my acquittal by the courts of the land and my nineteen years' record as an unoffending and self-respecting citizen of St. Louis.

THE TABERNACLE MEETINGS.

Dr. Wharton Began Holding Services Here Wednesday night.

Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Philadelphia, the noted evangelist who has just closed a wonderful revival at Cameron, Mo., is now preaching in Lexington in an immense tabernacle that was prepared by our people especially for these meetings. The first sermon of the great preacher was heard Wednesday night and he preached again Thursday night and last night. He is a forceful, earnest talker and the INTELLIGENCER thinks great good will result from his meetings here.

Dr. Wharton's meetings will continue up until and include December 4. There will be preaching every night at the tabernacle with the exception of Saturday night, on which day no meetings will be held. The night services are preceded by an inspiring song service led by Prof. Horace Geiger, the noted vocalist who travels with Dr. Wharton, an enjoyable feature of the worship.

The meetings are under the auspices of all the churches and the various religious organizations of the town will unite at the tabernacle on Sunday, morning and evening, to hear Dr. Wharton preach. At three o'clock Sunday evening meetings will be held at the tabernacle for men only.

The very best musical talent of the city is assisting Prof. Geiger, the musical director, at these meetings, forming one grand chorus that sends forth strains to duty bearing evidence in verse and song of the great love of the Master by His children. Many musicians with stringed and brass instruments have offered their services, and the church soloists of the town will lend their assistance.

Over at Cameron so earnest became the people in the meetings of Dr. Wharton that the business men closed their houses in the evening and everybody went out to hear the word preached. Many people confessed Christ during Dr. Wharton's stay there.

Should similar results follow the Lexington meeting there will be such a religious awakening as has not been known in this town for so these many years.

Milwaukee capitalists are leasing land in the northern part of Ray county and when they shall have secured 5,000 acres they will bore for oil.

ALEX. M. DOCKERY AND MISSOURI'S GOVERNMENT.

The State Made no Mistake in Making Him its Chief Executive.

HE HAS SHOWN THE STATE'S VILLIFIERS UP.

Mr. Dockery's Name Mentioned in Connection With the Presidency.

The democrats of Missouri have every reason in the world to be proud of the man they chose to preside over the destinies of this great state for four years at the fall election of 1900. Though some disgruntled, sore-headed fellows are continuously barking at his heels, the masses—the so-called common people—are pleased with A. M. Dockery's administration. They realize that in him they have a governor who respects their wishes and looks to their welfare in each and all of his official acts.

Though everybody who was at all acquainted with the true conditions appertaining to Missouri's finances, knew what the verdict would be, Gov. Dockery has covered his administration all over with glory in "calling down," to use a much employed phrase, those who for years have been villifying Missouri at the expense of truth—a gang of yelpers who can see no good in anything democratic and who, in attempt to overthrow that party, have resorted to lying so long that they have become more proficient in that line than was Annanias of old. Gov. Dockery, after reading these charges time and again, went to work to show these defamers of a great state up in their true light, and he did so in a manner incontrovertible. Bringing into the state expert accountants from the east—men who were in every way unbiased—the work of going over the books bearing entries of the state's financial affairs for over a third of a century back was entered upon and after diligent labor for days the findings were announced. What were they?

A verdict in favor of the democracy showing that never a cent of



HON. A. M. DOCKERY.

the state's money had been lost through officers elected to place by that party.

Not so clean a bill was found for past republican administrations, but that is another story.

Some people have criticised the governor for entering upon this investigation, on the theory that the game was not worth the ammunition—that no good citizen doubted the integrity of the state administration, but the governor had good grounds for believing the move necessary. In the closing paragraph of his address to the people of Missouri accompanying the report of Auditor Allen, Mr. Dockery said:

"I know that fair-minded Missourians have confidence in the financial integrity of the administration of state affairs, but the auditor's statement was necessary, that our credit might not be put under suspicion in other states of the union. The examination of the books has fully maintained the honor of the state."

This gang of coyotes in Missouri who would soil the fair escutcheon of the state in order that the political machines to which they belong may gain power, will continue to howl but it will be the howl of untruth—assertion disproven by a thorough investigation—the wail of the liar and the defamer.

A. M. Dockery was not untried when the people of Missouri made him their governor. Continuous service in the congress of the United States for sixteen years—a service emphasized by strict adherence to duty, to party principle and to the interests of the people of the state, he came back to us with the earned plaudit, "well done, good and faithful servant." While in congress he built for himself a reputation for sturdy honesty and integrity that became world-wide and the INTELLIGENCER prides itself in the fact, as a democratic newspaper and a lover of Missouri, that no state in the galaxy of great commonwealths that form our union has at the helm a more thorough man of affairs or one who is more entitled to the respect and esteem of those who placed him in office. Here and there we hear some interested party sending up wails of discontent, but in every case they bear so plainly the earmark of self interest or petty spite that they are thrown aside with the thought: "God bless Dockery for the enemies he has made."

In a recent interview at Kansas City a leading democrat of the nation gave out the opinion that the democracy would come to Missouri for its next presidential timber. Whether this be true, or merely a deserved bouquet thrown at the sturdy, never-failing democracy of the state we know not. Should result verify prediction, however, the INTELLIGENCER rejoices that it is published in a commonwealth that has several favorite sons who are in every way big enough to head the government at Washington, and that A. M. Dockery stands as the peer of them all.

"Peter Lemen," a one time "show" hog, having traveled some 27,000 miles with Lemen Bros.' circus, was taken to the stock yards at Kansas City Tuesday morning by H. N. Hyer, of Johnson county, Kas. Peter has been trained to the saddle, and the yard men had considerable fun riding him about. However, he was sold at just the same price as his companions, in spite of all his education. He will soon grace the scalding tank and the sausage machine.

QUITE PHENOMENAL.

Remains Well Preserved Though Buried Forty-Five Years Ago.

On Thursday the remains of Mrs. Henry Curtis, who died at the age of thirty-three years, and who was buried in a family burying ground on the Alexander place, four miles south of Higginsville, forty-five years ago, and those of her two children, who had been buried beside their mother in the years long past, were disinterred, brought to Lexington and reburied in Machpelah cemetery.

When the relatives of the deceased concluded to have their remains removed they found it quite difficult to locate the exact spots at which their mortal parts slept. The graves were located, however, after a search of two or three days, and the remains found.

Strange to say, the body of Mrs. Curtis, though it had been asleep in death for nearly half a century, was in almost a perfect state of preservation. She was in a metallic casket and when the cover was removed that protected the glass front-piece of the coffin, those who looked wondered if their eyes were not deceiving them. As if in peaceful slumber she lay, with eyes and lips closed, presenting a most natural appearance.

Shortly afterward, however, the body began to turn dark and the lips parted, the supposition being that, though the cover proper to the casket had not been removed, air in some manner found its way into the box when the metallic cap that covered the glass over the face was displaced.

The only remains of the children found were the bones and teeth. They had been buried in wooden coffins and the march of time had had effect upon them that could not apply to contents of the metal case.

Death of Geo. W. Trigg.

Geo. W. Trigg died at his home at Richmond at three o'clock Thursday morning of typhoid fever. For years he had figured in Missouri politics and was one of the best known men in the state. He was a native of Ray county, was born near Morton, November 30, 1846, and should he have lived until the last day of this month would have celebrated the 55th anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Trigg had relatives in Lexington with whom the INTELLIGENCER sympathizes as well as with the bereaved members of his immediate family.

Killed By a Train.

Ed. Hicklin, deaf and dumb, was run over and killed by a C. & A. train about ten o'clock Monday morning between Bates City and Odessa. He was walking on the track, meeting the train. The wind was blowing hard and the supposition is that he had his head down and did not hear the warning whistle of the locomotive. The body was badly cut to pieces.

A Fondness for Wheat.

Arthur McGee, colored, is in jail. He went to C. S. Mitchell, the feed store man, on Monday and bought some wheat on time, claiming that he had hogs to feed. He took the grain to McGee's mill, sold it, was caught up with by Mr. Mitchell and very properly pulled. It is thought that McGee stole a wagon load of wheat from Prof. Williams, of Central college, last summer.

The "Knights of the Belgian Hare" had a little feast at their den Thursday night. Green wing teal were disposed of and not a member grumbled at them not being good.

Mrs. Mansfield Wilcox and daughter, Miss Willie, returned to their home at Higginsville Monday morning, after a short visit with Mrs. Wilcox's sister, Mrs. E. B. Young.

"GO BACK AND SIT DOWN."

Growing Ignorance in Metropolitan Newspapers of the Day.

LATEST OUTBREAK AT ST. LOUIS.

Strange That More Attention is not Paid to Matters of Fact.

The almost daily display of ignorance in the columns of the metropolitan newspapers of the country is in a manner inexcusable. True, taking into consideration the great piles of stuff that pour into the office of the telegraph editor of a modern news journal, it must be admitted that mistakes will occur; but when error is so common it does seem that more attention would be paid to assertion of fact made by correspondents.

A recent issue of the St. Louis Republic contained the following special dispatch:

"Columbia, Mo., Nov. 8.—Miss Ethyl M. Fine, of Columbia, Mo., has been appointed a notary public by Governor Dockery. She enjoys the distinction of being the first woman to hold such an office in Boone county, and, in all probability, in the state, outside of the three largest cities.

"Miss Fine is the assistant to J. G. Babb, proctor of the Missouri State University, and is a young woman of unusual business ability. Her duties as such bring her into daily association with large numbers of people, and she invariably wins their friendship and esteem. As a notary public she will transact all that portion of business of the university, which is large and entails great responsibility."

So elated was the Columbia correspondent of the Republic over the fact that he had discovered something extraordinary in the news circles of Missouri that he sent along Miss Fine's picture which adorned the brief story in the newspaper.

But hear again. Here is another glaring display of ignorance in the columns of the same paper:

"Elden, Mo., Nov. 10.—Mrs. M. E. Brockman of Miller county is serving as a notary public and her services are in frequent demand. She was appointed by Governor Stephens in April, 1899, and disputes the claim of all comers as the pioneer woman notary public out in the state."

Now, if the Republic and its enterprising correspondents at Columbia and Elden will listen the INTELLIGENCER will enlighten them as to the matter of female notaries public. Miss M. E. Hollis, of Lexington, was appointed a notary public by Gov. Phelps, August 8, 1879.

She was reappointed by Gov. Crittenden August 25, 1883; by Gov. Francis August 20, 1891; and by Gov. Stone August 26, 1895.

But that is not all. Miss Aileen Rothrock was named as a notary public by Gov. Francis September 15, 1891.

Again.

Miss Laura Mitchell, of the Confederate Home at Higginsville, was appointed a notary public by Gov. Dockery August 13, 1901.

The correspondents of the Republic at Columbia and Elden should "go way back and sit down" and the telegraph editor of the Republic should lay off a while and study up on state affairs.

The appointments of females as notaries public referred to by the INTELLIGENCER only effect Lafayette county. The Lord only knows what tale would be told were every county in the state heard from.

D. L. Mitchell, of near Lexington, returned from Hobart, Okla., Monday morning. He has just completed a house upon his claim north of Hobart, and will move his family there next February. His sons, Aubrey and Leslie, will run his Lafayette county farm. Mr. Mitchell is one of Lafayette's best farmers and stockmen, and it is with regret we chronicle his intended removal.—Jeffersonian.

Mrs. Otho M. Gaffin and children left for Kansas City Tuesday afternoon to join Mr. Gaffin, who had preceded them. They will make that city their future home.